

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: FLORIDA

DISCLOSURE OF ADDITIONAL REGISTRY INFORMATION

To comply with OBRA 87 requirements the following procedure is followed:

Beginning October 1, 1990, all nursing homes must screen applicants for certified nursing assistant employment with the district screening unit of the Florida Protective Services System and the Nurse Aide Registry at the Department of Education. Nurse aides hired between October 1, 1990 and the present must be screened through the abuse registry.

Nursing homes which hire CNAs from other agencies or registries which are licensed under Chapter 400, Part III, F.S., (Home Health Agencies), must verify that the CNA was screened and cleared pursuant to Chapter 10D-68, F.A.C., before employing the CNA.

Upon completion of the abuse registry check, the district screening unit will forward the results of the screening to the nursing home.

For applicants who are "cleared", the nursing home will be advised by letter from the district screening coordinator. For applicants who have a confirmed report of abuse, neglect or exploitation, the district screening coordinator will advise both the nursing home and the Office of Licensure and Certification liaison.

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